

014A-1212



"James T. Springfield" <ibew10th@aol.com> on 06/08/2001 07:45:49 AM

To: "FAR Secretariat" <farcase.2001-014@gsa.gov>  
cc:

Subject: FAR Case 2001-014

To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing to express my opposition to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's proposal to repeal the Clinton administration's rules on federal contractor responsibility. The rules require contracting officers to look at a company's record of complying with the law in deciding whether the company is a "responsible contractor" eligible to receive a federal contract.

A company's track record of complying with the law should be an important factor in deciding whether the company deserves a federal contract. Companies that routinely disregard worker safety and health, fail to pay minimum wages and overtime as required by the law, or violate other laws providing fundamental protections to workers shouldn't be rewarded with federal contracts. That's unfair to companies that do comply with the law and allows violators to profit from their lawbreaking.

Federal contracts should go to responsible, law-abiding companies, not to corporate lawbreakers. I urge the FAR Council not to repeal the contractor responsibility rules and to let the rules go into effect without further delay.

I am a federal employee and are covered by a 'Collective Bargaining Agreement'. The Federal Government through its various programs have helped to raise the standards of both its employees and the community. But, if this law were to be repealed, it would lead to an erosion of the social gains of the working class families in the United States. It is hard to exercise your rights sometimes, even when these penalties exist, but it would soon be impossible and working class people would be forced to take it or leave it. A position that is in direct conflict with the Federal Laws covered by the National Labor Relations Act and the Federal Governments commitment to being the law of the land.

Sincerely,  
James T. Springfield  
2730 Thicket Road  
Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379